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Tour of Office Paper Systems, Inc.

Upon arrival we were greeted by Kevin Stearman, President and CEO, and Brian Ryerson, Director of Business Development. After introductions our tour began. Mr. Stearman escorted us to the new state-of-the-art 50,000-square-foot mixed-paper processing facility consisting of conveyor systems, elevated sorting stations, and two massive baling systems.

Office Paper Systems, Inc.(OPS), is located on 7650 Airpark Road in Gaithersburg. It encompasses a 6-acre campus and consists of two facilities for handling and processing recyclable materials. OPS is the largest mixed-paper processing facility in terms of capacity in the United States.

OPS handles and processes three types of material: residential mixed paper (RMP) collected from over 230,000 households in Montgomery County; merchant high-grade material from unique OPS commercial recycling programs, and material brought to OPS from several licensed haulers in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan region.

Mr. Stearman explained how each of the three types of material is processed in preparation for shipment to domestic paper mills.

The first type of material consists of RMP collected throughout Montgomery County. The material is transported to the County Transfer Station, where OPS operates an acceptance facility. The RMP is then trans-loaded onto walking floor trailers and transported to the OPS processing plant. When the transfer truck arrives at OPS, it is weighed and the driver is given instructions to proceed to the RMP tipping area. At this point RMP is loaded onto a conveyor system, which leads to an elevated sort line. The sort line consists of sorting stations, where employees remove contaminants and other materials to provide quality assurance and meet grade specifications. Once the RMP has passed through the sorting process, it is directed to one of two balers for final preparation and shipment.

The second type of material consists of commercial mixed paper (CMP) collected from several businesses throughout the Baltimore-Washington region. Mr. Stearman

described this process as being very similar to the method described above; however, this material is processed in an area separate from the RMP.

The third type of material consists of material brought to OPS by several licensed haulers. Typically this material consists of mostly corrugated cardboard and mixed paper. All haulers are required to pass over the tri-axle scale prior to disposal of material.

Our tour then took us to the tri-axle scale area, where both inbound and outbound freight are weighed. OPS employs a scale master whose primary responsibility is to manage all traffic coming in and out of the facility, ensure accurate accounting of weights, and identify the vehicles' origin. These tasks are achieved by an automated system of cameras, a certified tri-axle scale, and computers.

Next we entered the OPS storage and maintenance facility. This building houses the maintenance and repair equipment necessary in the daily upkeep of the processing plant. For these tasks OPS employs a team

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Montgomery County Agricultural Fair - August 10-18, 2001

Every year our biggest outreach event is the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The event, as always, takes place at the county fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. This year the fair starts on Friday, August 10th., and ends on Saturday, August 18th. The theme of this year's fair is "Ag-xperience A Slice of Life." We will have our Recyclemobile at the fair all week. We will represent recycling, composting, proper disposal of household hazardous waste, and "closing the loop" – that is, the importance of buying recycled products. Montgomery County residents will be able to sign up to have new blue bins delivered to their

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News Brief

Neighborhood Outreach:



Progress in the Case Study on Recycling Performance

After our door-to-door experience in responding to questions and concerns about recycling in Montgomery County and providing blue bins to homeowners who needed them, we gave the homeowners a couple of weeks to absorb the message. After the third week, we resumed our weekly survey, checking the number of blue bins and mixed paper put out for recycling. Our first results were positive. The number of blue bins at curbside increased after the first week and every week after that. An average of 49 houses recycle now, compared with 36 that were recycling before. Our data for the eighth week showed 75 blue bins out. This is not 100 percent yet, but we know that our efforts will continue to improve the recycling rate. Stay tuned because we are not planning to rest. We mailed a letter/flyer to the houses that are not in the habit of recycling yet. We targeted houses that had not put out their recyclables for at least 3 weeks in a row. This data was taken from our weekly survey. Our letter/flyer reminded residents of the benefits of recycling, the efforts the County makes in providing this service, and their important role in preserving the environment.

—Sara Zavala



New Developments Project

How many new developments have recently been built in Montgomery County? We are not sure, but one thing is true, many people have moved and are going to move from other states or from another county. The concern is that all these people will need information about recycling and waste reduction programs in Montgomery County. Our plan is to provide it.

A while ago, our program prepared a pocket folder called "Spring Cleaning" Kit: good for every season." This kit has useful information for everybody, especially for new homeowners. The kit contains six brochures. "Recycling Collection Services" describes what materials may be recycled and put out for the county's once-a-week curbside collection. "Recycling Drop-Off Centers in Montgomery County" gives a list of places where recyclables may be dropped off throughout the county. "Guide to Reducing Unwanted Mail" guides a person through steps on how to reduce unwanted mail (junk mail). "Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Materials" informs the public about what is a hazardous waste and what residents should or should not take to one of the collection events, and it includes dates and locations therein. "VOLUNTEERS Help Montgomery County Recycle" invites residents to volunteer and add a "personal touch" to Montgomery County's recycling education efforts. "use it again, Montgomery County" is a booklet with information that will help residents prevent the generation of waste by repairing, passing on, donating, and/or renting items. We plan to distribute the kits among builders in new development sales offices. Builders usually provide information about utility and cable companies, but nothing concerning recycling and waste reduction. We have started visiting some of the new developments. We have explained the project to the developers and all of them accepted the kits with enthusiasm and promised to deliver one to each new homeowner. We invite you to participate in this project by visiting a new development in your area or in a nearby area to deliver some of these kits or providing us with addresses where we can deliver them. Please contact us to arrange the best way for getting the kits to you. They can be picked up from our office or mailed to you, or we might be able to deliver them to your home, if necessary. There are hundreds of new houses waiting for us!

—Sara Zavala

Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling.

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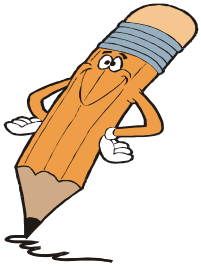
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A Note to You



There's an old folk-rock song from the '60's you might remember: "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" Well, the song never does answer the question because, I guess, nobody really knows who knows, or where, indeed, the time does go. Time is a very curious commodity. It is clearly a resource, yet it leaves no waste behind even though we often waste time. We cannot reduce, reuse, or recycle it. Yet time is precious. It's limited. It's fleeting, and (like money) there is never enough of it. Yet time is what you volunteers give us that is so valuable. Where you find it, how you manage to obtain it, and why you choose to use it as you do are questions we can't answer. But, boy, are we grateful for the time you give us!

May had a Week of the Volunteer, in this, the International Year of the Volunteer. But we chose to acknowledge our volunteers not just for one special week, and after ten years of outstanding work by the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, we could not wait for some specific year to show our appreciation. We thank you volunteers on the day you help, and we acknowledge you in every bimonthly newsletter. We always appreciate the time you give because we (Sara and I) are both former volunteers. Our job as Program Managers is to keep track of you, to use and not misuse you, and to show our gratitude to you. In a county with no lack of volunteer opportunities, we strive to never lose our focus on the fact that you have chosen this program to donate your time to.

Now, some people choose to live in redwood trees, some people lie down in front of bulldozers, and some clean oil off seabirds after a spill. Some people donate money to environmental causes that suit their interests all over the world. But you volunteers help here at home. You too are environmentally aware, and the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program provides the opportunity to make changes for the better right here in our community.

Single-family homes are doing an outstanding job at recycling, but we keep trying to enhance the public's knowledge of the particulars. We also keep trying to reach those folks who don't bother to recycle. After all, recycling takes time, and in this modern, hectic, fast-paced world, anyone could reasonably say, "I have no time for this!" But those of us who know, realize that recycling is just another habit—and a good habit at that! I've often said that I could no more throw a can in the trash than fly to the moon. Littering is out of the realm of possibility. I once traveled over 300 miles from Newfoundland to New Brunswick (with a month's worth of recyclables) until I found a recycling receptacle. Such is my personal commitment to recycling. Once when on vacation in upstate New York, I visited the local recycling center at the North Elba County landfill just to see how they do things in an area too rural to have curbside pickup.

But just outside our own county borders, recycling is not as convenient as it is here. I know that we are spoiled in Montgomery County. Our solid waste services are outstanding! We are leaders in our country. Even our own volunteer program is a model for other counties all over the country. And why shouldn't it be! You volunteers are passionate about recycling, committed to composting, and outspoken in your attempts to reach the public about these important topics.

Thank you, volunteers! Thank you for ten years of energy and enthusiasm. Thank you for joining, helping, caring, and being the types of people who sacrifice precious time for the good of the county, the country, the continent, the hemisphere, and the planet. Thank you, volunteers, for your time.

The Bay Starts Here

We've all seen the storm drains spray-painted with the message "Chesapeake Bay Drainage." Living as we do, miles from the Potomac and even more miles from the bay, we can easily forget that all our streams and rivers in Montgomery County flow to the bay. In restrooms in the Executive Office Building in Rockville, stickers above the sinks read, "The Bay Starts Here." Does what you do on your own property affect the bay? You bet it does.

One hundred years ago, the oyster industry was famous in Maryland. Today it is all but gone. Crabs came to replace oysters as a symbol of the bay. These days even the

hearty blue crab is suffering because of pollution that encourages algae growth, which kills the water grasses and denies baby crabs a place to hide. Only a few years ago, the rockfish needed a rest to rebuild their population. We did the right thing, curtailing fishing of them, and now they're back. Still, we have lost a lot of the bounty of the bay. There was a time when fish swam so thickly through the water that a sailor from inside a boat could catch them in a frying pan by simply dipping the pan in the water. Are the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers to thrive or die in our time? As custodians of the natural world, we all must consider our actions and

the consequences our behavior may have on wildlife, as well as human populations, downstream.

Even though we did not suffer from a drought last summer, we experienced the second driest October on record. Recently, May rains caught us up with the area average for precipitation at this time of year. But who knows what will happen this summer? We must all use water like the limited resource it is.

Listed below are some water-saving suggestions that can be practiced and made into habits whether we suffer from a drought

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HHW: Rodents

I don't like them, and chances are you don't either. Sure, gerbils and hamsters are cute. Many people love squirrels, while birders tend to view them as furry-tailed, tree-climbing rats. Groundhogs are the biggest rodents in North America, but in South America the capybara is the biggest rodent (larger even than most small dogs). We encounter mainly mice and rats in the urban and suburban United States. They have their place in nature, but that place is not in your house. Mice and rats are important in the food chain, being preyed upon by birds, reptiles, and mammals. But they cause substantial damage to humans' stored food. They spread filth and disease, damage walls and wires with their chewing, and generally gross us out with their beady little eyes and ugly naked tails. Is this revulsion instinctive, learned, or a little of both?

Rats and mice are invaluable to scientists testing new drugs that may benefit humans. Some people even keep certain breeds of mice and rats as pets. OK, I don't get it, but these are not the same kind of rodents that chew the corner off a box of Cheerios and defile the contents before moving on to the package of noodles. Every fall, field mice invade houses, and they invade even the best of houses in the finest of neighborhoods. Rats, on the other hand, are still associated pretty much with inner city squalor. But these very smart, adaptable creatures are probably living by a shopping center near your nice home, where the food is plentiful and the pickings are easy. If rats ever establish themselves in suburbia and invade homes the way field mice do, then we're in for big trouble because the boxes of poison will fly off the shelves to remedy the problem.

Some people condemn the killing of any living creature. Some people accept killing of only animals they intend to eat. Most of us avoid killing and let someone else do it for us. But poisoning rodents can be a serious threat to the environment. First of all, who wants a dead rodent decaying within his or her walls? Second, children and pets can be severely injured from consuming rodenticides. And third, poisoned rodents can still become part of the food chain and may injure or kill any animal that eats their dead or dying bodies.

Being poisoned is certainly a miserable way to die. So are some of the alternatives available, which I cannot recommend at all. Using glue traps seems unusually cruel - live animals get stuck to papers and starve to death. Feeding them plaster of paris or potato buds to cause death by gastric distress seems to be equally cruel. Having cats is a time-tested way to be rid of mice, but cats allowed outdoors kill many more creatures than mice and have been linked to the rapid decline of songbirds throughout the world.

The best way to control mice is with an old-fashioned mousetrap, which kills quickly. The traps are inexpensive enough to dispose of along with the mouse, but they can be reused endlessly should you care to do so. There is even a black plastic box trap that sends up a flag when it's triggered and can be emptied and reused without your ever having to view the dead rodent inside. But better still may be a mousetrap that captures the creature alive so that it can be released outside - preferably far away from your home. Calls to a professional trapper, Montgomery County's Animal Control Office, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources indicated that mice may be legally released to the wild, but only with the permission of the owner of the land where the mice are to be released.

Mice can squeeze through tiny openings in walls and cracks in foundations. They can climb up to heights where opportunities exist to enter attics. Preventative measures to restrict and discourage mice from entering houses include filling all potential entryways and storing food in sealed containers. Garbage can be kept in tightly closed containers. Nesting sites can be eliminated by keeping storage areas neat and orderly with items off the ground. Outdoors, birdseed spillage can be prevented through trays that catch the seed and keep it from accumulating on the ground. Dog food and cat food should not be left outside. All in all, if there is nothing for rodents to eat and nowhere for them to nest, they will probably leave and go elsewhere. However, if we make it easy for them, who can blame them for entering our houses to eat?

Often, when promoting composting, I am asked about whether adding food scraps to a pile will encourage rats to visit the pile. While I maintain a condition of peaceful coexistence

with a groundhog that likes my compost pile, I have never even seen a rat on my property. I live a mile from a major shopping center, and I believe that any self-respecting rat would sooner eat discarded meat, dairy products, and grease (which are not suitable for composting) from the dumpster behind the neighborhood restaurant than travel to my compost pile to eat spoiled lettuce, cucumbers, and carrot peels. Still, if I saw a rat, I would curtail the addition of anything besides yard trim from a compost pile.

Old rodenticides should be taken to a household hazardous waste collection for disposal. They should be used only as a last resort and should not be considered the first line of defense in the war on vermin. The saying goes that "If you invent a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door." So far no one has invented a better mousetrap. The old ones work just fine.

-Jim Welch

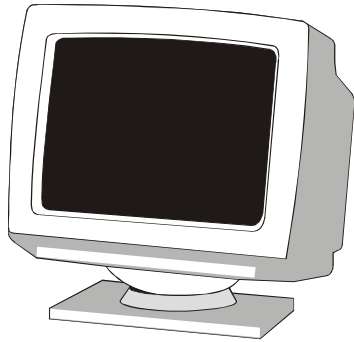
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

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homes, and we will have compost bins there to sell.

Our Recyclemobile is the ideal vehicle for this event. It stores all our displays and literature. Its newly repaired canopy shields us from the sun and the rain. We staff our site from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., and this requires the effort of up to 70 volunteers from our program. Who better to inform county residents than volunteer county residents? So check your calendars, and let us know when you can help. We reach thousands of people each year at the fair. We have pioneered the recycling of cans, bottles, and cardboard at the fair. This is the event that really shows the county what Master Recyclers and Master Composters can accomplish. We can use all our volunteers, experienced or not, at the fair. Won't you join us?

Refresh Your Knowledge of Recycling



If it's been a while since you last volunteered, you are uncomfortable because you're not as up-to-date on rules and regulations as you would like to be. The information you need is only a click of the mouse away. The Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program does most of its training on the spot at an event. Although we tend to feature mixed paper recycling these days, changes have been made in other areas of recycling of which you should be aware. You know, of course, that all bottles numbers 1 through 7 are now allowed. But did you know that we will also take vegetable oil and salad dressing bottles? However, we still don't want motor oil and antifreeze bottles. Did you know that the county has stopped accepting mattresses for recycling, but the Salvation Army still does? Did you know that you can drop off computers and related equipment any day the Transfer Station is open? Just recently we had a test weekend for the collection of electronics, and perhaps in the not-to-distant future old televisions, stereo components and the like, may be dropped off rather than trashed.

We highly recommend visiting the Solid Waste Services website at <MCRcycles.org> to keep up to date on information. There is even a link to the volunteer program where you can check the calendar of events, update your interests and availability to volunteer, or sign on as a new volunteer.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of assistance we receive from our volunteers.

Mother Nature has not been very cooperative this season. A couple of events were cancelled due to the weather, and a couple more should have been. Still we greatly appreciate the time set aside by volunteers to assist at events, even when poorly attended, spoiled by rain showers or out-and-out cancelled.

Early in May we attended the Travilah Quarry Earth Day event. Thanks to **John Lindt, Madeline** and **Michael McGaughan** for their help there. The next day, we held a Household Hazardous Waste collection at the Transfer Station, assisted by **Bob Mabie, Joe Connor, Janine Trudeau, Denise Etheridge, Jamaal Williams, Peggy Brennan** and her twins, **Duggan** and **Meara Brennan**, plus W/E volunteers **Francisco Tacao, Tom Bonacki**, and **Sally Magpantay**.

Our busiest weekend of activities was hampered by rain. The Spring Festival at the Agricultural History Farm Park was cancelled for the first time ever. Thanks to **Donna Rae Castillo** and **Dmitriy Bolgar** for volunteering. **Bernadine** and **Joe Dadey** helped at the Colesville Strawberry Festival. A mile or two down the street at the Briggs Chaney Park and Ride lot, **Phil Browne** supervised our volunteer force which included **Dick Meyer** and **Georgene Ammon**. The Taste of Wheaton festival was held on a rainy Sunday, but thanks to **Steve Albright, Peggy Brennan, Duggan Brennan** and **Meara Brennan**, for assisting. **Joanna Mawyer** of the Solid Waste Customer Service staff was there to inform Spanish speaking individuals about recycling. That same rainy day **Janice Browne** showed up to help at the Silver Spring Caribbean Festival, but few citizens attended this rainy event. **Bernadine Dadey** and **Janine Trudeau** were scheduled to assist - and we thank them kindly for their willingness to brave the showers and come to this unfortunately rained out event. **Bob** and **Suzanne Browning** visited the Hillwood Museum in Washington D.C. to present vermicomposting at the former Marjorie Merriweather Post mansion.

Dmitriy Bolgar accumulated Student Service Learning hours by assisting with some of our office work.

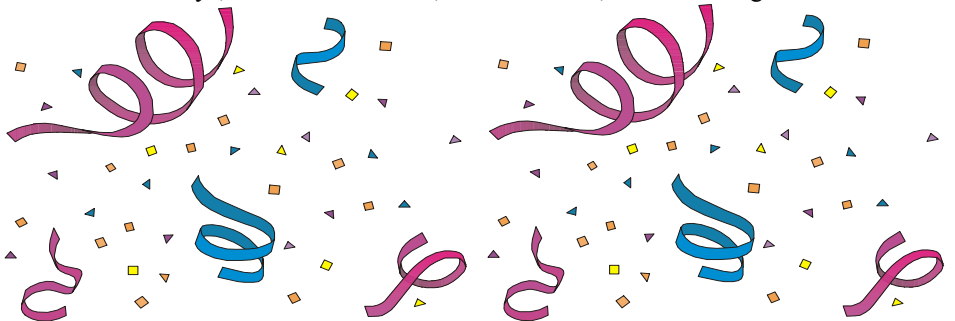
In June at the Household Hazardous Waste collection, assistance was received from **Denise Etheridge, Jamaal Williams, Malcolm Richardson, Hubbard Hoyt, Genia Isbell, Joe Connor**, and W/E volunteer **Ellen Rice**. The Silver Spring International Festival was rained out, however, thanks go to volunteers **Bernadine** and **Joe Dadey, Esther Foxe**, and **Steve Albright**, who were willing to come regardless of the weather.

James Mulligan Welch assisted his father (Jim Welch) in producing new flyers for the Toter Pilot Project.

Household Hazardous Waste collection at NIH is always a very busy event. Thanks to **John Kough, Andrew Kough, Jerrid Lipscomb, Betty Wells, Georgene Ammon, Janine Trudeau** and W/E volunteers **Mark Bach**, and **Diu Bach** for helping that event run smoothly.

Jamar Coleman continues to help us with office work each Friday afternoon. **Shannon Villa** has also been earning Student Service Learning credits for his help in our office.

And as always, we thank volunteer, **Diane Reinke**, for her editing of this newsletter.



Tour of Office Papers Systems

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of mechanics. The building also contains shredding equipment used to destroy proprietary and confidential material collected from many commercial clients. Additionally, OPS stores all its various collection containers used in its commercial recycling programs and a large inventory of new paper in this facility.

The last stop on the tour was the scale and video surveillance room. Here is where the previously described scale master works along with the transportation manager. We observed the hi-tech camera systems used in observing all trucks, traffic, and processing inside the plant. Mr. Stearman described this video surveillance system as a valuable tool for training new and existing employees. This equipment shows the do's and don'ts of processing, ensures security of equipment and material, and monitors safety and awareness of employees. It is extremely important in inventory control. At this point in our tour, Mr. Ryerson escorted us to the conference room for a briefing about the commercial recycling programs offered by OPS. He described the unique program and the way in which it is tailored to the needs of each client. OPS commercial programs accept all grades of mixed paper, including newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and office paper. Additionally, OPS collects used beverage containers (glass, plastic, and aluminum) from many of its commercial customers. OPS also offers a new paper delivery program and in return picks up the customer's paper that is to be recycled, making the recycling program a full circle. Mr. Ryerson also discussed the commercial bailer lease program designed to reduce costs and encourage effective recycling of cardboard.

We then engaged in a question-and-answer session that offered valuable information regarding commercial recycling programs, the implementation process, and ongoing follow-up procedures.

To date the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program has taken four tours of OPS. Future tours may be scheduled if there is enough interest. Our thanks go out to Kevin Stearman and Brian Ryerson for all the time they have taken to show our volunteers as well as employees of the Division of Solid Waste Services around the facility.

-Claire Agoglia

-Brian Ryerson

The Bay Starts Here

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or not.

- Turn off the shower when soaping and/or shampooing. Turn it on only to wet and rinse. (Editor's note: This is really hard to do, but consider the amount of water you could save!)
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth. This can save 3 gallons of water.
- Turn off the tap when shaving. This can save 5 gallons of water.
- Reuse rinse water from the kitchen sink to water plants.
- Don't turn the faucet on full blast when only a trickle will do.
- Do only full loads of laundry in the

clothes washer and full loads of dishes in the dishwasher.

- Wash your car on the lawn instead of the driveway. The lawn can use the water; the driveway cannot. If you use a car wash, find one that recycles its water and patronize it as a reward for progressiveness.
- Mulch to conserve moisture around trees, shrubs, and plants. Use aged mulch, which will hold water in the ground, and not fresh mulch, which will draw water out of the ground.
- When you water, drench the soil well occasionally, rather than sprinkling lightly frequently.
- Use a soaker hose in the garden to

get the water down to the plant roots instead of on the leaves where it may simply evaporate.

- Avoid using sprinklers. They are water wasters.
- Purchase water-saving appliances when replacing your old ones.
- Plant perennials and native plants, which need less water and survive drought better than annuals.
- Never use the toilet for a trashcan. A family of four can save 50 gallons of water a day by using low-flush toilets.
- Catch the water from a dehumidifier for reuse rather than letting it go down a drain.

We live in an affluent area where attitudes may differ from those of the rural Midwest or the arid West. Just because a person can afford to use all the water he or she wishes to does not mean that it is right to do so. Water is essential to life. We need to keep our aquifers, springs, streams, rivers, bays, seas, and oceans clean and full. Save water as if it is the most important thing on earth—because it probably is.

In Memory of Dick Carr

It is with great sadness that we mention the passing of our dear friend and outstanding volunteer, Richard W. Carr. Dick was 88 years old. He had volunteered with us since 1992, working a regular 4-hour shift each Wednesday on the Recycling Hotline. When the hotline ended last year, Dick continued to come in on Wednesdays to help us with other projects in the office.

Dick was laid to rest in a beautiful spot in Menorah Gardens, part of the Parklawn Cemetery in Rockville. His rabbi and niece both mentioned his commitment to the volunteer program. Dick's young grandson, Benny, with whom he spent precious summer vacations in a cottage by a lake in Michigan, made an impassioned speech about his beloved grandfather. We will all miss Dick's kindness, compassion, and generosity.

Recycling References

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, all paper, all cardboard, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, and yard trim. Chipped brush mulch is available at no charge.

DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)

Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.

CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility
Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and material larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.

LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance);
Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355);
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355)
Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units and dehumidifiers.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, August 12	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, August 26	Silver Spring, Parking Lot #2

Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).

FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

MATRESSCYCLE

The Salvation Army recycles mattresses at the following locations every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda
GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of
Route 118, Germantown
CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd., Bethesda

SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000
15000 Southlawn Lane
Buys back aluminum cans, scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances, including refrigerators. (With freon removed)
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990
14818 Southlawn Lane
Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Buys back aluminum cans in 10 lb. loads, white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and paperboard.

SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002
9001 Brookville Road
Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.

GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301
7650 Airpark Road
Drop-off bin available 24 hours.
Accepts all types of paper ("any thing that tears").

WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue
Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

COLLEGE PARK AREA

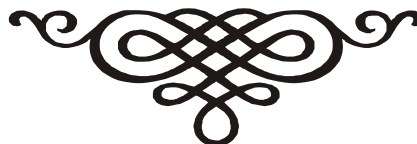
University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345
Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzert Rd. and University Blvd.) Open 24 hours a day.
Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, textbooks, aluminum foil, catalogs, and steel cans.

DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027
9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours
Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).



Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program
16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, Maryland 20855

MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
RECYCLES



Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852, or MRC@windsor.com. Visit www.MCRecycles.org/volunteer for the most current calendar.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and hand out literature. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on page 7. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word.

Volunteers needed for the following:

Neighborhood Outreach on Destiny Road in Germantown: July 21, 2001 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood: Weekend of July 28 and 29, 2001,

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair: Gaithersburg Fairgrounds August 10-18, 2001.

Shifts are: Noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Admission passes are provided. For further details call 301-840-2852.